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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Situation in the Dominican Republic
As of 1200 EDT

1. Recent reports indicate that while the main part of the Fortaleza Ozama has fallen, Colonel Despradel, the commander and 50 men are still holding out. This means that about 800 of the best police forces are lost to the loyalist cause. When and if the remainder of the fortress falls a large store of munitions will also be lost to the rebels.
2. We have no indications as yet of plans for May Day protest demonstrations against US installations in Latin America. It nevertheless seems likely that Communists and other extremists at various points in the hemisphere will attempt to exploit public concern over the Dominican events by whipping up anti-US incidents.
3. Latin American reaction continues generally critical of the US, but it may be tempered by official restraint in some areas. In Venezuela, on the other hand, strong protests have been made by the government, but in this case it might actually help to avert street demonstrations by extremists.
4. Mrs. Juan Bosch, said this morning that her husband is in "constant contact" with the rebel forces. It is not clear what she meant by this. Bosch has, however, been using the public air waves to urge the Dominican people to fight. According to a press report Mrs. Bosch will hold a press conference at 3:00 p.m. EDT today.

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